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**Letter dated 22 November 2016 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the
United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the
President of the Security Council**

Upon instructions from my Government and with reference to the letter dated 21 November 2016 from the Representative of the Israeli regime to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council (S/2016/987), I have the honour to state the following:

1. The letter, once again, contains a flurry of baseless and unsubstantiated accusations that are levelled against my country without, as usual, a shred of evidence; accusations, none of which are "important new information", as the author of the letter falsely claims, but old rehearsed ones.
2. The accusation of the violation by Iran of "numerous Security Council resolutions", referred to in the letter, is equally baseless and this time amusing too, as it amounts to an innovative in-bulk levelling of accusations against a United Nations Member State. At least, a regime that has brazenly flouted all United Nations General Assembly and Security Council resolutions about the lands it criminally occupies is not in a position to broach such a claim against other nations.
3. In addition, it is absurd and hypocritical for the representative of a regime that has occupied the lands of other peoples for so many decades and denied every basic right of the Palestinian people, including their right to self-determination, to occasionally accuse my country of violating international law.
4. It is equally absurd and hypocritical for the representative of a regime that has for long been involved in terrorizing and indiscriminately targeting the Palestinian civilians, including women and children, in their own land, and in terrorist targeted killings and assassinating individuals in many parts of the world, to accuse Iran of sponsoring terrorism.
5. Last but not least, this kind of accusatory claim by the Israeli regime against other countries, including mine, is, after all, a typical Israeli attempt to smokescreen their criminal policies and acts against the innocent Palestinians, including keeping a 2 million community under siege for 10 years, once in a while bombing and shelling residential areas, destroying schools and hospitals, demolishing houses, confiscating dwellings, violating the sanctity of religious shrines and so on and so forth.



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I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated to all members of the Security Council and as a document of the Council.

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